

A method for aligning the optical beam path of a microscope, in particular of a confocal microscope having a light source (1), a microscope optical system, a detection stop (12), and a detection device (13), is configured, in the interest of simplified alignment with reduced service and maintenance costs, in such a way that the detection stop (12) is used as the optical reference. Also provided is a microscope assemblage, having a light source (1), a microscope optical system, a detection stop (12), and a detection device (13), in which the detection stop (12) is usable as the optical reference.

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